

Fun Facts!

About New Jersey's Maritime History

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- 1)** New Jersey was almost called the “Maritime State” instead of the “Garden State” according to NJ Governor Driscoll in his 1953 veto of a bill to put the words “Garden State” on each NJ license plate.
- 2)** New Jersey is home to Governor William Newell who initiated what would become the United States Life Saving Service in 1871 and the United States Coast Guard in 1915. The anti-immigrant member of the No Nothing Party is credited for developing the Beach Apparatus Drill that saved over 177,000 lives – ironically, many of whom were immigrants.
- 3)** Joseph Francis Life-Car was invented and demonstrated in New Jersey. The original car used in the 1850 wreck of the Ayrshire off “Squan Beach” became one of the top ten exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington DC.
- 4)** Ocean Going wooden ships (including 4 masted schooners) were built in small towns up and down the Jersey Shore.
- 5)** Henry Hudson and the Dutch in the Half Moon explored the Jersey Shore from Cape May to Sandy Hook in 1609.
- 6)** The Jersey Shore was home to Revolutionary Privateers who attacked larger British merchant ships sailing along the Jersey coast.
- 7)** In October 1778, the British Navy launched a major attack to remove the “Nest of Rebel Pirates” in the Little Egg Harbor (Mullica) River.
- 8)** Charcoal made from NJ Pinelands trees was shipped to British-held New York City during the Revolutionary War in small “whale-boats.” It was shipped to Bermuda and the Bahamas to make salt for the British Navy through the early 1800’s.
- 9)** Box cars full of clams and oysters were shipped from the Jersey Shore to Campbell’s Soup in Camden, NJ to make soups and chowders shipped round the world.
- 10)** Rumors persist that German U-Boats had been secretly provisioned by sympathizers on the Jersey Shore.
- 11)** Rum runners and US Revenue Service and the US Coast Guard engaged in a cat and mouse competition to bring foreign-made alcohol from ocean going ships to the coast during Prohibition (1919-1933).



- 12)** The Spanish may have been the first Europeans to attempt settlement of what is now New Jersey – the 1525 voyage of Quejo sent by Ayllon northward received reports of coastline from as far north as the Deer River (may have been the Hudson River).
- 13)** Hoboken was the departure point for most American troops headed to France for World War I – “Heaven, Hell or Hoboken” was a common saying of Dough Boys of the American Expeditionary Forces.
- 14)** There are over 4,800 shipwrecks in the waters along the New Jersey coast focused on the Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay and Delaware River.
(njmaritimemuseum.org/shipwreck-database)
- 15)** The Delaware River flows 419 miles from New York’s Catskill Mountains into the Delaware Bay.
- 16)** The Jersey Shore along the Atlantic Ocean runs 141 miles from Perth Amboy to Cape May Point.
- 17)** At the height of the Delaware Bay’s oyster industry there were just under 600 schooners and sloops working the industry.
- 18)** The Port of Cape May/Wildwood is the largest fishing port in New Jersey and one of the largest on the East Coast.
- 19)** At the end of World War II, the German submarine U-858 surrendered to a task-group from the US Atlantic Fleet just off Cape May on May 14, 1945.
- 20)** John Philip Holland of Patterson and Simon Lake of Pleasantville competed with each other to build the first submarines for the US Navy.
- 21)** Absecon Lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in New Jersey at 171 feet.
- 22)** In the Delaware Bay there are five lighthouses that ships follow for about 35 miles up to the mouth of the Delaware River.
- 23)** Sandy Hook Lighthouse is the oldest working lighthouse in the United States. It was built in 1764.
- 24)** The Morris Canal connected Phillipsburg with Jersey City for 102 miles and went through 1,674 feet of elevation changes. The trip took 5 days to transport coal from the Lehigh Valley, farm products, goods and other materials.
- 25)** The Delaware and Raritan Canal that ran from Bordentown to New Brunswick was large enough to accommodate canal boats, sail boats, steam tugs towing barges, freight boats, yachts and naval vessels.
- 26)** The Schooner AJ MEERWALD is New Jersey’s Official Tall Ship.



The New Jersey Maritime Alliance (NJMA) is an unincorporated collaboration and campaign started by the Bayshore Center at Bivalve (BCB) to connect New Jersey residents and visitors with appreciation for the state that is surrounded by water and a rich maritime history.



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historical societies, lighthouses,
lifesaving stations, centers and
tours throughout New Jersey
are waiting for you!

New Jersey's Rich Maritime History



NJ Maritime Museums



NJ Lighthouses and Life Saving Stations



NJ Maritime Collections or Exhibits or Tours



Statewide Organizations

- ✓ **Canal Society of NJ**
canalsocietynj.org
- ✓ **Canal Watch**
www.canalwatch.org
- ✓ **Delaware Lighthouse Keepers & Friends Assoc.**
delawarebaylightkeeper-friend.org
- ✓ **New Jersey Lighthouse Society**
www.njlhs.org

Atlantic County

- **Atlantic City Historical Museum**
1 N. Tennessee Ave, Atlantic City
- **Atlantic County Historical Society**
907 Shore Rd, Somers Point
- **Atlantic County Veterans Museum**
189 State Hwy Route 50, Estell Manor
- **Brigantine Beach Historical Museum**
3607 Brigantine Blvd, Brigantine
- **Longport Historical Society**
2305 Atlantic Ave, Longport
- **Margate City Historical Museum**
8100 Atlantic Ave, Margate
- **Somers Point Historical Museum**
745 Shore Road, Somers Point
- **Ventnor City Historical Society and Museum**
6500 Atlantic Ave, Ventnor
- **Linwood Maritime Museum**
301 Davis Ave, Linwood

Bergen County

- **Bergen County Historical Society**
Historic New Bridge Landing
1201-1209 Main Street, River Edge

Burlington County

- **Burlington County Historical Society**
457 High Street, Burlington
- **The Shipman Mansion Red Dragon Canoe Club**
221 Edgewater Ave, Edgewater Park

Camden County

- **Battleship NJ**
62 Battleship Place, Camden
- **Camden County Historical Society**
1900 Park Blvd, Camden
- **Camden Shipyard & Maritime Museum**
1912 Broadway, Camden

Cape May County

- **Avalon Museum & History Center**
215 39th St, Avalon
- **Cape May Lighthouse**
215 Lighthouse Ave, Cape May Point
- **Cape May Maritime Museum site under development**
- **Dennis Township Museum and History Center**
681 Petersburg Road, Dennisville
- **Fishermen's Wharf Tour**
1048 Washington St, Cape May
- **George F. Boyer Historical Museum**
3907 Pacific Ave, Wildwood
- **Hereford Inlet Lighthouse**
111 North Central Ave, North Wildwood
- **Historic Cold Spring Village**
720 US 9, Cape May
- **Museum of Cape May County**
504 Route 9 N, Cape May Court House
- **Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum**
500 Forestal Road
Cape May County Airport, Erma
- **Ocean City Historical Museum**
1735 Simpson Ave, Ocean City
- **Sea Isle City Historical Museum**
Cape May County Library
4800 Central Ave, Sea Isle City
- **Stone Harbor Museum - Maritime Annex**
9410 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor
- **Sunset Parade**
Coast Guard Training Center Cape May
1 Munro Ave, Cape May
- **Tatham Life Saving Station**
117th St. and 2nd Ave., Stone Harbor
- **US Life Saving Station 30**
Fourth Street & Atlantic Ave, Ocean City

Cumberland County

- **Bayshore Center at Bivalve - Delaware Bay Museum**
2800 High Street, Port Norris
- **East Point Lighthouse**
10 Lighthouse Road, Heislerville
- **John DuBois Maritime Museum**
949 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich
- **Maurice River Township Heritage Society**
site under development
- **Mauricetown Historical Society**
1229 Front Street, Mauricetown
- **Port Norris Historical Society**
site under development

Essex County

- **NJ Historical Society**
52 Park Place, Newark

Gloucester County

- **Gloucester County Historical Society**
58 N. Broad St., Woodbury
- **Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse**
Second St & Mantua Ave, Paulsboro

Hudson County

- **Ellis Island**
Liberty State Park
1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City
- **Liberty State Park - Central Railroad of NJ**
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1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City

Hunterdon County

- **Hunterdon County Historical Society**
114 Main Street, Flemington
- **Lambertville Historical Society**
60 Bridge Street, Lambertville
- **Prallsville Mills - Delaware River Mill Society**
33 Risler Street, Stockton

Mercer County

- **NJ State Museum**
205 West State Street, Trenton

Middlesex County

- **East Jersey Old Town**
1050 River Road, Piscataway
- **Madison Township Historical Society**
4216 Route 516, Matawan
- **Metlar-Bodine House Museum**
1281 River Road, Piscataway
- **New Brunswick Public Library**
60 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick

Monmouth County

- **Atlantic Highlands Historical Society**
27 Prospect Circle, Highlands

- **Jersey Coast Heritage Museum site under development**
- **Navesink Maritime Heritage Assoc.**
930 West Front Street, Red Bank
- **New Jersey Friends of Clearwater**
Red Bank
- **Historic Village at Allaire**
4263 Atlantic Ave, Farmingdale
- **Monmouth County Historical Association**
70 Court Street, Freehold
- **Sandy Hook and Fort Hancock/ Gateway NRA NSP**
128 S. Hartshorne Drive, Highlands
- **Twin Lights Lighthouse**
Lighthouse Road, Highlands

Morris County

- **The Canal Museum at Waterloo**
525 Waterloo Rd, Stanhope
- **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**
260 Lakeside Blvd, Landing

Ocean County

- **Barnegat Historical Society**
East Bay Ave, Barnegat
- **Barnegat Light Historical Society**
501 Central Ave, Barnegat Light
- **Bay Head Historical Society**
1643 Bay Ave, Point Pleasant
- **Berkeley Township Historical Society**
630 Route 9, Bayville
- **Brick Township Historical Society**
521 Herbertsville Rd, Brick
- **Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association**
105 Simpson Ave, Island Heights
- **Lacey Historical Society**
126 U.S. 9, Forked River
- **Lakehurst Historical Society Museum**
300 Center St, Lakehurst
- **Long Beach Island Museum**
247 N. Beach Ave, Beach Haven
- **National Guard Militia Museum of NJ**
Sea Girt Ave & Camp Drive, Sea Girt
- **Navy Lakehurst Historical Society**
Cathedral of the Air
264 Hope Chapel Road, Lakehurst

Passaic County

- **Paterson Museum**
2 Market St #202, Paterson

Salem County

- **Finns Point Lighthouse/ Supawna NWR**
197 Lighthouse Road, Pennsville
- **Fort Mott**
454 Fort Mott Road, Pennsville
- **Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point and Oldmans**
48 W. Main Street, Penns Grove
- **Lower Alloways Creek Historical Museum**
736 Smick Road, Salem
- **New Sweden Heritage Monument**
Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville
- **Pennsville Township Historical Society**
86 Church Landing Road, Pennsville
- **Salem County Historical Society**
79-83 Market Street, Salem

Somerset County

- **Millstone Valley National Scenic Byway**
2346 Amwell Road, Somerset



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